

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
MADISON, WISCONSIN
JANUARY 4, 2002
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Lynda Farrar, Martin Hanson and Nancy Sobczak (by telephone)

STAFF PRESENT: Katharine Hildebrand, Grace Schwingel, Bill Dusso, Wayne Austin, Darwin Tichenor and Patty Williams

GUEST: Carol Godickson, Executive Director of Wisconsin Association of Consulting Engineers

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Lynda Farrar, Chair. A quorum of 3 members was present.

AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add an e-mail survey received from the Arizona State Board and three letters between Jim Rusch, Land Surveyors Section and Secretary Herrera under the Miscellaneous Correspondence Section of the agenda.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (10/26/01)

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Katharine Hildebrand, Bureau Director

Hildebrand is continuing to work on getting replacements for the vacancies on the Engineering Section.

Section Roster

Lynda Farrar's Business Phone # is (608) 287-2020. Call Lynda Farrar before sending her a FAX because her FAX # is the same as her home phone number (608) 835-3426. Martin Hanson noted that the e-mail address is correct, but the two "A's" in his business e-mail address are capitalized: hansonm@AyresAssociates.com

- **Introduction of New Board Member, Martin Hanson**

Hildebrand introduced Martin Hanson and he gave the Section members a brief summary of his professional background. Hanson is a licensed civil engineer working for Ayres Associates in the Eau Claire Office. He is Vice President of Wisconsin Transportation. He also has an engineering license in Washington and Minnesota.

- **Election of Section Officers**

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to elect Lynda Farrar as Chair of the Engineering Section. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to elect Nancy Sobczak as Vice-Chair of the Engineering Section. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to elect Martin Hanson as Secretary of the Engineering Section. Motion carried unanimously.

2002 Meeting Dates

Screenings should be on Thursdays (not Wednesdays as noted on the schedule) except when screenings are being held on the same date as the Section meeting. Lynda Farrar is not available for Section meetings on Wednesdays. Board members will receive an updated meeting schedule.

Martin Hanson will not be available for the November 15, 2002 meeting.

To-Do List (10/26/01)

Items were reviewed. The Section expressed concern about the lack of progress regarding the status of legislation drafted to eliminate sec. 443.04 (1)(d), Stats. The Board is supporting legislation to eliminate the grandfathering clause. Sobczak gave a brief overview of the Section's rationale for eliminating the grandfathering clause.

People who fail the exam, simply turn around and get licensed under the grandfathering clause, based on having worked for 12 years in an engineering position. Another matter is that there are engineering specialties, such as software engineering, that would be difficult to test. Nonetheless, Nancy Sobczak felt that some of these specialists should legitimately be considered as engineers. These are two separate issues that need to be addressed in any legislation that is proposed.

Legal Counsel, Bill Dusso, reviewed the process involved in passing legislation. Hildebrand will request Myra Shelton to come address the Section about their concerns with this legislation.

The Section also proposed that the Bureau Director attend the Professional Engineers Spring Zone meeting or their Annual meeting.

Hildebrand indicated she would not be able to attend the NCEES Spring Zone meeting or the Annual meeting due to budget constraints. Lynda Farrar, as Chair, will represent the Section at the

NCEES Spring Zone meeting in Chicago, IL in April 2002. The Annual meeting will be held in California in August 2002.

There was a discussion of fees and the inclusion of IPP in the Engineering Section's fees. The Section would like a breakdown of the expenses included in the engineering fees. Hildebrand will request a pie chart of fees and distribution of fees, by profession, comparing the expenses for each of the professions regulated by the Department.

Regulatory Digest Draft

There will be a notice announcing that Martin Hanson has joined the Engineering Section of the Joint Board. Hildebrand will contact Harvey Shebesta for any issues that may need to be included in the next Regulatory Digest.

Summary Reports on Pending Court Cases, Disciplinary Cases and Press Releases

Noted.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Hildebrand will contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Myra Shelton, regarding the status of legislative activity.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE

Nothing to report.

REGISTRATION ISSUES

Nothing to report.

PRACTICE ISSUES

Nothing to report.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Exam issues will be discussed in Closed Session.

NCEES

New Partnership with the Center for Collaboration and Education in Design (C2Ed) Regarding Internet-Based Continuing Education

Wisconsin does not require continuing education for engineers, though continuing education in general is becoming a national trend.

Designation of Board Member to Attend February Assembly

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to send Martin Hanson to the National NCEES meeting in San Antonio, TX to be held February 14-16, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

The Sections suggested that Martin Hanson look into how many other states require continuing education at the February meeting. The issue of cross-border mobility was also suggested as something Hanson could inquire about at the National NCEES meeting being held February 14-16, 2002, in San Antonio, TX.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to add three letters between Jim Rusch of the Land Surveyors Section and Secretary Oscar Herrera, about the issue of having the Bureau Director attend regulatory associations to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section discussed a memo, dated November 27, 2001, from Nan Mitchell, Assistant to the Director of the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration. Ms. Mitchell is requesting information as to how Wisconsin is dealing with the issue of whether an engineer should be required to design fire protection systems. The Section agreed that an engineer should design a fire protection system if the system is complex enough to require an engineer's expertise. Simpler systems would not require an engineer's design. The Section prefers to deal with this issue on a case-by-case basis.

There is a question as to where specific training for designing fire protection systems could be obtained. Godickson indicated that seven years ago, a number of states were looking at ways to shut out engineers from doing fire protection design work. The Board may want to research this issue further. Hildebrand will contact Jim Dorn for more information as to where education could be received for designing fire protection systems, whether or not there is any college education available and how often it is part of an architectural or structural engineer stamped submission.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS BY DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Open Session recessed at 10:40 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Martin Hanson moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to convene the meeting in Closed Session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or discipline (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider

individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote: Lynda Farrar-yes, Martin Hanson-yes and Nancy Sobczak-yes.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 3:35 p.m.

VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

MONITORING REPORT

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to deny Gary Grunau's petition for reinstatement of his Wisconsin license, pending notification from the State of Florida. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Martin Hanson moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to send Randy Lund a letter to inform him that Wisconsin statutes do not allow the Department to expunge the reprimand from his public record. Motion carried unanimously.

CASE CLOSINGS AND CASE STATUS REPORT

None.

UPDATE OF ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS

None.

CLASS 1 HEARINGS

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to approve the eligibility application for the Principals and Practice of Engineering examination of Derek Hoffman (Cambridge, WI), after receiving materials the Section had requested. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to deny the application of Thomas Silman (Milwaukee, WI) to take the exam. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to approve the eligibility application for the Principals and Practice of Engineering examination of Aaron Peery (Cincinnati, OH), after receiving materials the Section had requested. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to deny the application of Nam Ho Lee from Korea for a certificate of record as an engineer-in-training. The Section did not receive any new information. Motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

None

DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS

None.

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to refer the application of Don Gregurich (Madison, WI) to DOE for investigation of the nature of his work since his license expired in 1992. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to deny the application for reinstatement of the license of Thomas Durkin (Evansville, IN). The Section requested more information. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to reinstate Robert Dodge (Fox River Grove, IL). Motion Carried. Lynda Farrar opposed.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to reinstate Dixit Patel. Motion carried. Lynda Farrar opposed.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Instructions for New Board Member re: Review Procedures

Noted.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to approve and deny the following applications reviewed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED ON JANUARY 4, 2002

The Section took the following action on applications.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

1. By 16 Hour Written Examination

a. Granted

Spellman, Raymond
Jilek, James

2. By 8 Hour Written Examination

a. Granted

Hinkle, Richard

3. By approved Degree Plus 8 Years Experience

a. Granted

Christensen, John
Corley, Melvin
Goymerac, Daniel
Hurst, Williamking,
Stephanie
Lee, Donald

Stunkard, Thomas
Tokarski, George
Vail, Timothy
Vandine, Michael
Wolf, Jeffry

b. Deny

FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ENGINEER-IN-TRAINING

1. By EIT Examination/Experience

a. Granted

Bohlender, Robert

FOR PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION

a. Granted

Babich, Mark
Benson, Craig
Chappelle, Jason

Fehr, Neil
Galban, Narciso
Hoffman, Derek

Jensen, Daniel
Langhoff, David
Lindquist, Lawrence
Mohammadi, Valiollah
Moyer, Timothy
Nussbaum, Jeffrey
Nzegwu, Obiora
Peery, Aaron

Pink, Chad
Rutter, Michael
Selorio, Felix
Shaffer, Laura
Steely, Kevin
Viloria, Jovimar
Zenarosa, Ronald

b. Deny

Buss, Tammy
Eaves, Erik
Stodola, Dean

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Review of Challenge to National Exam Questions

MOTION: **RE: National Board Challenge, Mechanical Engineer.** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to refer the review of the challenge to the National Board Examination questions to an expert, Dr. Terry Richards or Dr. Frank Fronczak, for a recommendation. The Section will make a decision based on their findings. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: **RE: National Board Challenge, Civil Engineer.** Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to refer the review of the challenge to the National Board Examination questions to an expert, Martin Hanson for a recommendation. The Section will make a decision based on Hanson's findings. Motion carried unanimously.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Martin Hanson, to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Next Meeting - Friday, March 1, 2002

DATE: February 15, 2002
TO: Katharine Hildebrand
FROM: Grace Schwingel
SUBJECT: Professional Engineers Section, January 4, 2002 To-Do List

1. Hildebrand is continuing to work on getting replacements for the vacancies on the Engineering Section.
2. Schwingel will have changes made to Lynda Farrar's business phone number and Martin Hanson's e-mail address and see that screening dates for 2002 are changed to Thursdays.
3. Hildebrand will request a pie chart of fees and distribution of fees, by profession, comparing the expenses for each of the professions regulated by the Department.
4. Hildebrand will contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Myra Shelton, regarding the status of legislative activity.
5. Hildebrand will contact Jim Dorn for more information as to where education could be received for designing fire protection systems, any college education available, how often is it part of an architectural or structural engineer stamped submission.